

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

USAMA MALIK and
LAUREN S. WOOD,

Defendants.

Civ. No. 21-20300 (CCC)

**ORDER GRANTING
TEMPORARY LIFTING
OF STAY**

This matter having come before the Court upon the letter motion of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission for an Order granting a temporary lifting of the stay of civil proceedings in this matter solely for the purpose of approving and entering a consent Final Judgment as to Defendant Usama Malik:

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2022, this Court issued an Order granting the United States of America's Motion to Intervene and staying this action pending the conclusion of criminal proceedings in *United States v. Usama Malik and Lauren S. Wood*, Mag. 21-11371 (AME) and any related proceedings before the United States District Court, including trial [#7];

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2024, the Securities and Exchange Commission moved this Court to lift the stay temporarily and approve and enter a consent Final Judgment as to Defendant Usama Malik [#14];

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 2 **DAY of** October, **2024,**

ORDERED that, in the interests of justice, the stay in the above-captioned action is temporarily lifted solely for the purpose of approving and entering the Final Judgment as to Defendant Usama Malik.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Cecchi', is written over a horizontal line.

HON. CLAIRE C. CECCHI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE